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U.S. Patent 7,762,137

Title: METHOD FOR CHECKING A WELD BETWEEN TWO METAL PIPELINES

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.322**

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Applicant's attorney hereby requests that a Certificate of Correction be issued in connection with the above-identified patent. In Section (75), please change "Jacobus Johannes M. van Nisselrolj" to -- Jacobus Johannes M. van Nisselroij --.

Unfortunately the Office has made a mistake in the spelling of the last name of Inventor Nisselroij replacing the "i" with an "l".

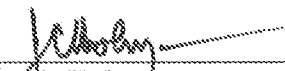
This is a nationalization of a PCT application and attached hereto is copy of Form 306 from the PCT application. Also attached is a copy of the Order Letter when this application was filed and the Patent Declaration. It will be seen in all of these instances that the surname of the Inventor is correctly spelled.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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(54) **METHOD FOR CHECKING A WELD  
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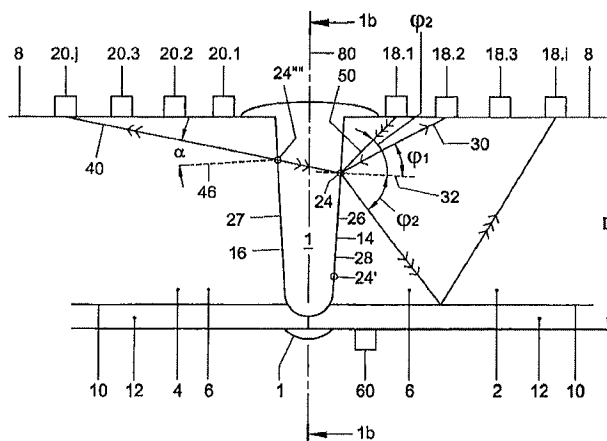
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